

A Lord's House an incumbrance. It is viewed as a national interest. The blood, the education, the habits, the station of the Lords, predispose them (the nation quietly says to itself) to such views. It is quite proper, that *inferior* in the nation should have its say. Let them by all means influence as will concern with them. But then they, a more important class, than they. And while we may stop their mouths, or curtail them for their views, or treat them as if there was no worth in them, they are not our views. What we think shall be against what they think. Neither of us will be unconscious of the other. If it come to an absolute collision, *then* will we see. The many could not have succor to the few. But there will be mutual concessions. We it is who are interested in them; and to the undoubted greater interest and power; and thus the master will, rather, than every right measure goes on, by slow but gradual progress.

Having this notion, Lord John Russell would have treated the vote of the Lords as a nonentity, unless it were followed by a similar vote on the Commons. His intention and wish seem to have been to pass the matter in silence. Other Constitutionalists have thought differently. Mr. Gladstone, while in favor of the vote of the House of Lords ought not to trouble the ministry, thinks that the other House should either *concur* or *expressly concur* that vote—but *not merely* preserving its rights, but exerting its peculiar influence. What the issue is, to one or two seems to predict, or even probably to conjecture. And yet amidst this uncertainty, there is no example to be found. It is not to be expected from the *House*. The present government, though a liberal government, is not so liberal as the great body of the nation would wish. Though the best government within our reach, it is not a strong government—its weakness arising partly from its own backwoodsiness—in bold reforming measures, and from the diversified character of the opposition. Sir Robert Peel would not be stronger, and could scarcely be expected to be. He is a man of a bold, resolute, bold, and in this way would be the means of forwarding the interests of the nation more than they. The Free-Trade party properly so called, have not the means of forming a government, and if they did, their political creed is so various that they could scarcely agree upon a broad and continuous line of liberal policy. Besides, Free Trade works not in the experience such enthusiasm as it did in the past. The Anti-Slavery Society, too, has no power to give it to power. And whether they might not continue to conduct the affairs of the nation successfully in the present quiet time—now that free trade is in actual operation and cannot be repealed—is open to question. Looking on all sides, one would think that the advantage to be gained by a change of government, were it to be well aimed, rather than that which the nation to the turn of a general election and political agitation, for our end other than to deprive the two-fold lovers of office of their salaries, and give to eager and anxious expectants, a taste of those pleasant news from which they seem to be shut out.

The Destruction of the Orient Steam-packet and Anti-Laws of Life.

One of those melancholy events, happily too rarely in this country, in which there has been a general and fatal disregard of life, has cast a gloom over many families in this country. The Orient, one of a line of steamers between Glasgow and Liverpool, which had run for more than thirty years, and with few casualties as have occurred in any line in the world. The vessels are fine, the commandees are of high understanding and experience. Nothing can be more unusual than that this ship should strike and sink, near the port of the harbor of Port Patrick, near which the vessel had no call to enter, and near which there was no excuse for it being at all—was the morning was clear; and even the supposed of a skilled master, it did not last sufficient time to have misled the person in command. One hundred persons or more have been lost, and about one hundred saved. Diverses were sent to the scenes of the accident, and the other ships besides the original, looking for the poor course of the vessel.

Emigration to United States.

We have received from America this week, I had never seen such, though he had been there this year before, and as much to see and hear him, his judgment as to be informed of his facts for emigrating, I attended his lecture. I liked, exceedingly, the candid, independent tone of his lecture. "I am not here to urge men to emigrate. Encourage them, and I have to tell them where to emigrate if they want certain advantages which, I know, the Valley of the Mississippi can supply."

I have been told in my view of your magnificent country confounds the idea of debtless, classed nations which I had seen of the same parts. I thought as I listened, the United States has a mission such as never fell to any nation. It is not that of conquest. I hope she will believe her calling is more glorious than that. Her's is the ample lap of peace and plenty, which she has opened for the use of all. Other races will flock to her shores, and will press into her bosom. And in order to fill the field of that confidence is not a thing to be desired.

The King of King and Commander of conquerors, has been a virtor that illustrates his power. He would invincible through every shock of battle, and against fearful odds—he of whom it was boasted that he never was vanquished, has now fallen at the touch of an invisible hand.

As to the result which this Providence is to produce on our national interests, we can only say, that God's judgments are a great deep, and his ways past finding out. We have to wait and see in consequence of this, whether the United States will be able to sustain the burden of our own civilization, and to bear the load of that of others.

And the event is annually suited to make an impression of God's hand, where it seemed most to be desired that, among those entrusted with the care of our national affairs, he should be left alone.

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The English States were lost, in rightness and truth.

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